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"THE SHADOWS STRIKE" — PART 2 OF 10

Wolverine has traveled to Hong Kong to discover the cause of a friend's death. Once there he hears amazed shouts that lead him to a Hong Kong street that had been vaporized by something unknown. Wolverine investigates as thieves and scavengers attack. He stops their rampage just in time for the police to turn on him.

"TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT" — PART 2 OF 8

Wonder man is on his own — or is he? What happens when an ex-Avenger meets the woman of his dreams or is she the woman of his nightmares?

"MOTHER'S DAY" — PART 1 OF 3

In the far future the exiled prince of power has found his only prodigy, Animathes. The son of Hercules has risen to power, becoming ruler of the Andromeda Galaxy. The Lion of Olympus, with his companions, Skippy, the Skrull, and the Rigellian Recorder, now act as advisors to the young emperor. The emperor mother, Layana, who tried to poison Animathes against his father and use his might for her own evil ambitions, has now been exiled to a forgotten wing of the Royal Palace. However, Layana's hatred for Hercules will not allow her to except excise gracefully—this day she will rule the galaxy once again.

"WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"

During a high school science experiment, student Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider.

Endowing him with super spider-like abilities. In the guise of Spider-Man he has sworn to do his best to protect the rights of the defenseless and to uphold the law. Sometimes there's a conflict between the two.

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I DON'T BELIEVE THE HONG KONG COPS ARE STILL CHASIN' ME. I'D HAVE THOUGHT THEY'D BE SATISFIED WITH THE SCAVENGERS THEY ALREADY CAUGHT...

...TWO-LEGGED RATS WHO WERE TRYIN' TO STEAL WHATEVER THEY COULD ON A BUSINESS STREET THAT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING JUST VAPORIZED OUT OF EXISTENCE.



BLACK SHADOW! WHITE SHADOW!

CHAPTER TWO:

THE SHADOWS STRIKE!

FEATURING:

WOLVERINE

I SMELL 'EM DOSSIN' MY TAIL A COUPLE A' BLOCKS BACK.

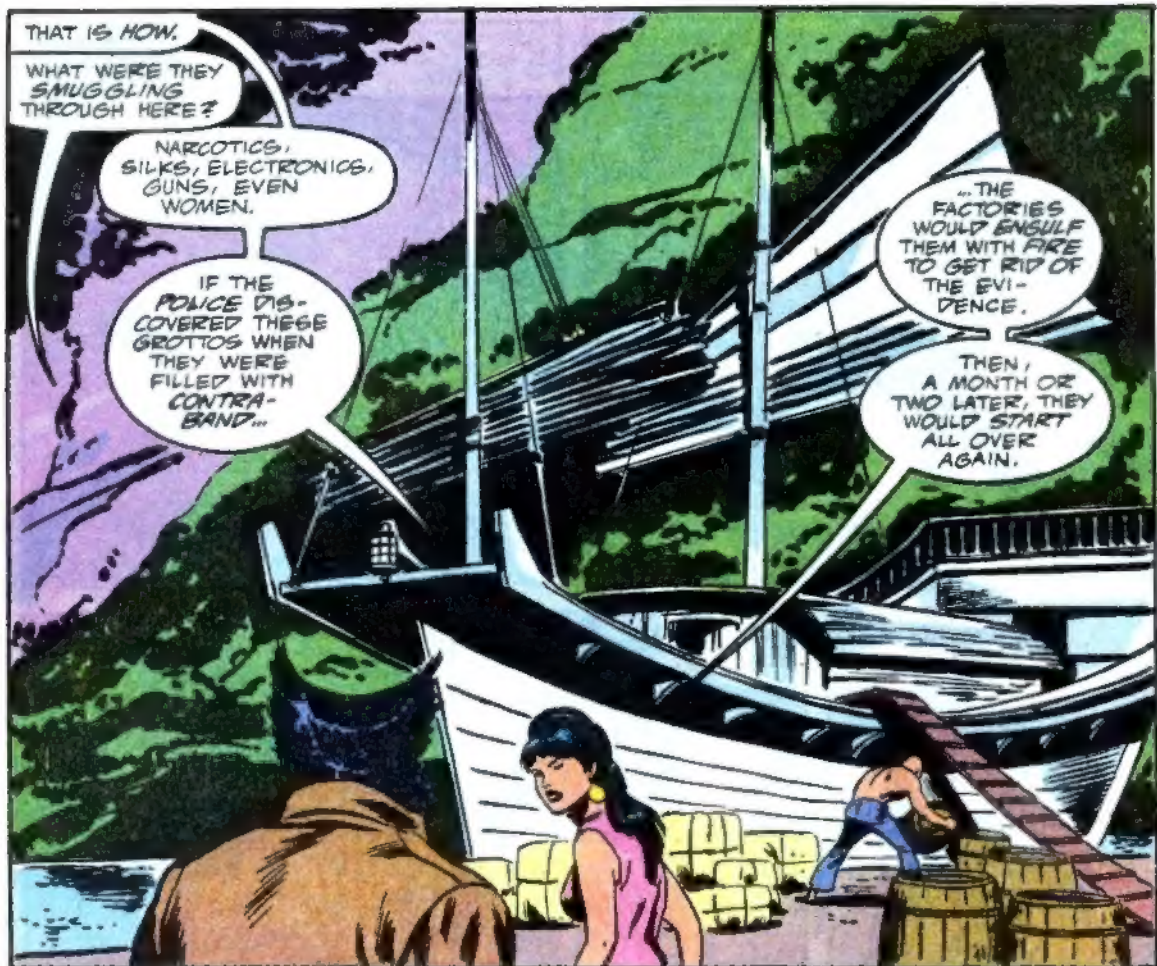
THREE OF 'EM, AND THEY SMELL SCARED. NO GOOD. SCARED COPS DON'T HOLD THEIR FIRE.

MAYBE MY MUTANT HEALING FACTOR'LL PROTECT ME, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO SAVE ANY POOR JERK WHO COMES BETWEEN US.

YOU THERE--
COME, COME
HERE!







THAT IS HOW.

WHAT WERE THEY
SMUGGLING
THROUGH HERE?

NARCOTICS,
SILKS, ELECTRONICS,
GUNS, EVEN
WOMEN.

IF THE
POLICE DIS-
COVERED THESE
GROTOS WHEN
THEY WERE
FILLED WITH
CONTRA-
BAND...

...THE
FACORIES
WOULD ENSLUF
THEM WITH FIRE
TO GET RID OF
THE EVID-
DENCE.

THEN,
A MONTH OR
TWO LATER,
THEY WOULD START
ALL OVER
AGAIN.

NICE SET UP. SO WHAT
GARBAGE ARE YOU
SMUGGLIN' OUT?

NOTHING.
WE ARE
NOT
CRIMINALS.

I MISSED YOU, MAI.

AND
I, YOU.
IS
EVERY-
THING
READY?

OF
COURSE--

--WE'RE
SHIPPING
OUT AT
MID-
NIGHT.

YOU! MAI THINKS
YOU CAN HELP US?
YOU DON'T LOOK
BIG ENOUGH TO
HELP YOURSELF.

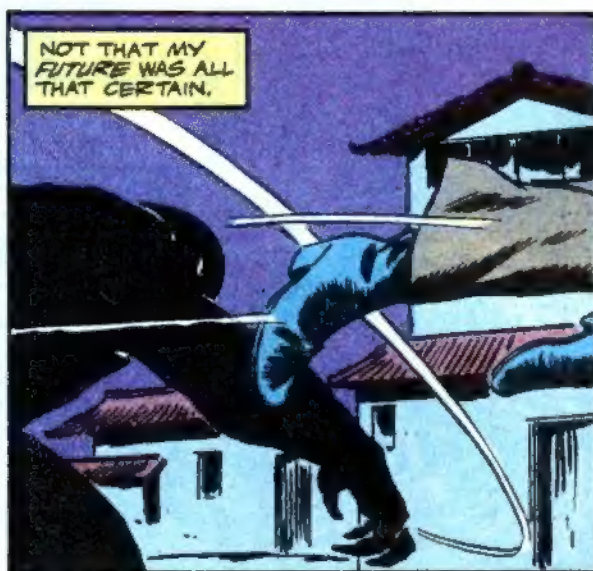
HSIAO,
DON'T.

HSIAO,
I
BROUGHT
US HELP.

WHY
NOT? WE
NEED
MEN, NOT
WEAK-
LINGS.



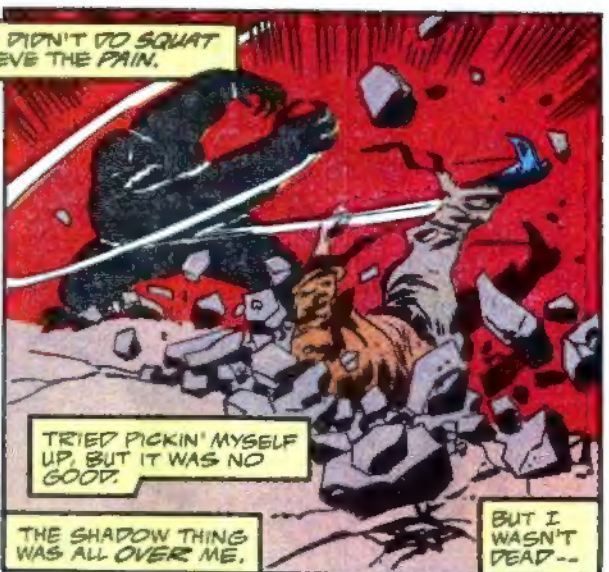






--BUT IT DIDN'T DO SQUAT
TO RELIEVE THE PAIN.

THE COLD KEPT SHOOTIN'
THROUGH ME LIKE AN
ICEPICK. I KNEW MY
HEALIN' FACTOR WOULD
PULL ME THROUGH.



TRIED PICKIN' MYSELF
UP, BUT IT WAS NO
GOOD.

THE SHADOW THING
WAS ALL OVER ME.

BUT I
WASN'T
DEAD--



--AN' THAT MEANT I WASN'T GIVIN' UP.

WAS WHEN I TRIED GETTIN' UP A
FOURTH TIME THAT I HEARD
THAT RUSH A'WIND LIKE AIR
FILLIN' A VACUUM.



SOMETHING ELSE POPPED
UP IN FRONT OF ME. NOT
THE BLACK SHADOW...



.. THIS WAS A
WHITE ONE.

AN' I WAS
CAUGHT
BETWEEN 'EM.

LUCKY DAY.

CONTINUES NEXT ISSUE... IN PART III OF
"BLACK SHADOW! WHITE SHADOW!"
HONG KONG INFERNO!

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT

FEATURING

WONDER MAN

*Stardust
Miseries*

PART 2

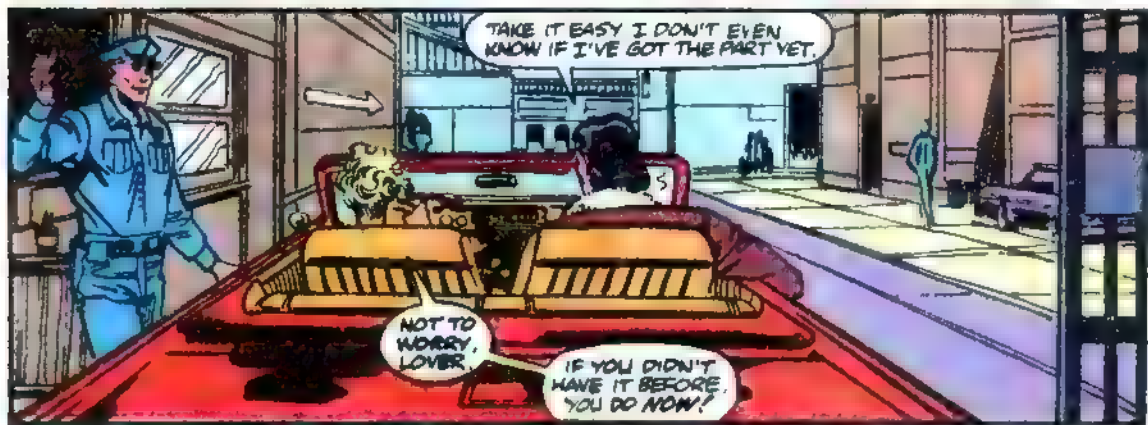
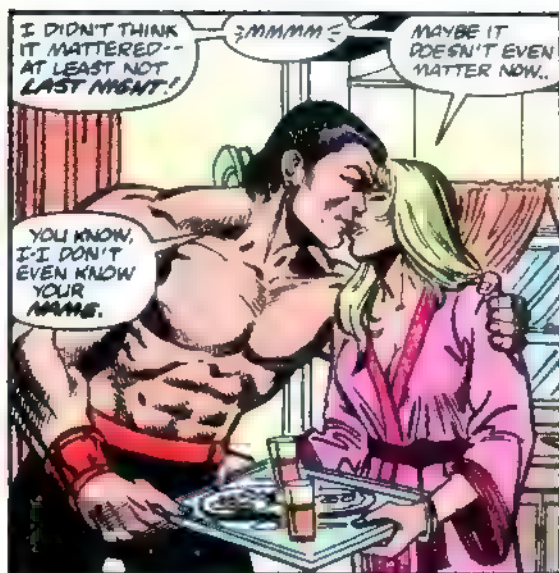
GLAD TO
SEE YOU'RE
UP.

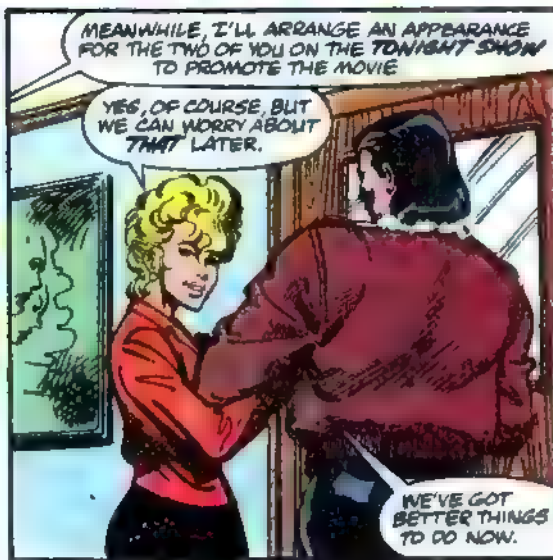
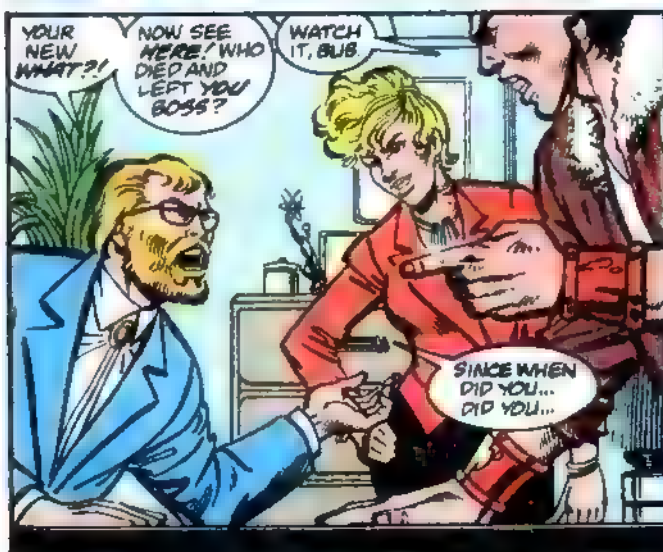
WHA?
WH-WHERE
AM I?

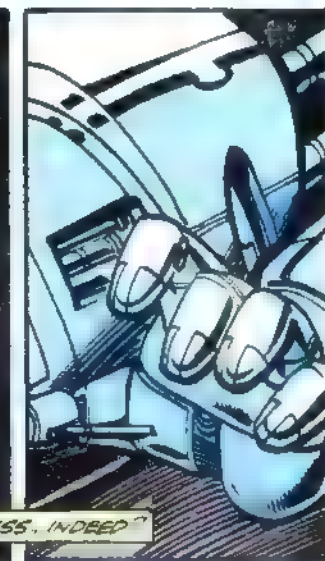
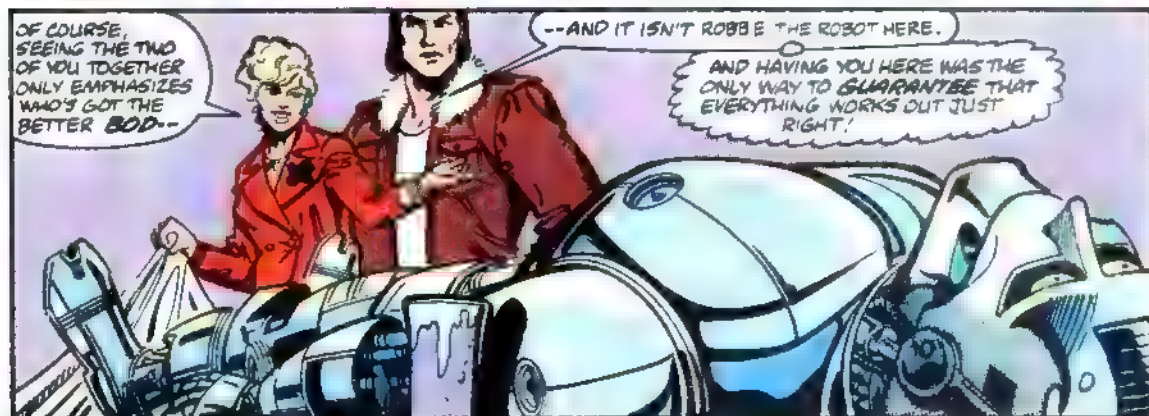
WITH A
FRIEND,
SILLY

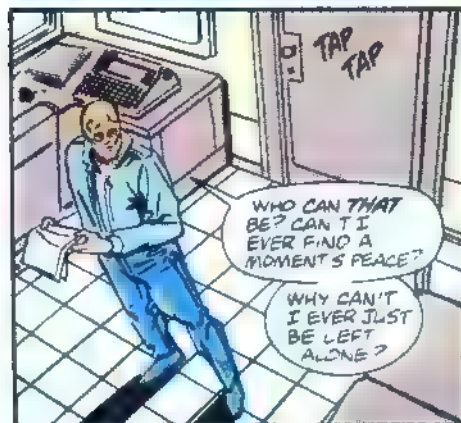
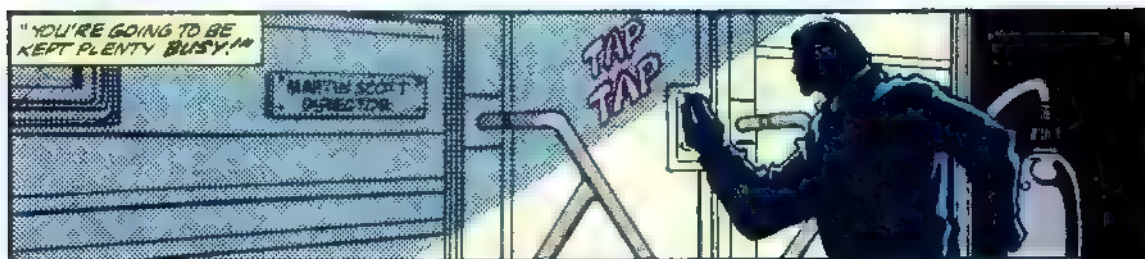
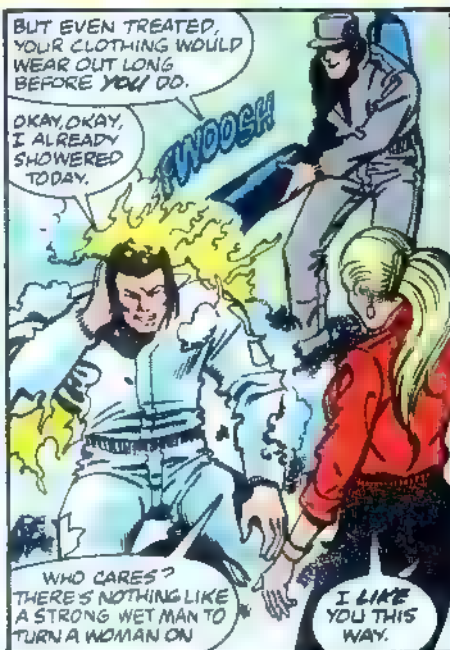
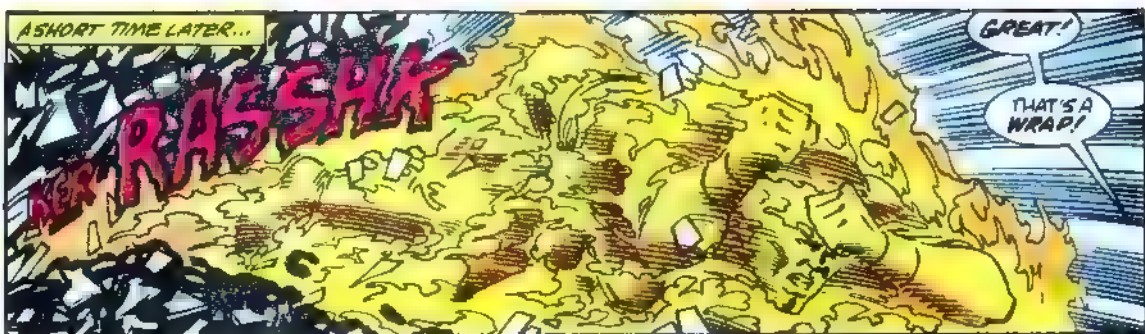
FEEL...SO
STRANGE.

SO DIFFICULT TO
THINK CLEARLY
CAN'T SEEM TO GET
MY HEAD STRAIGHT



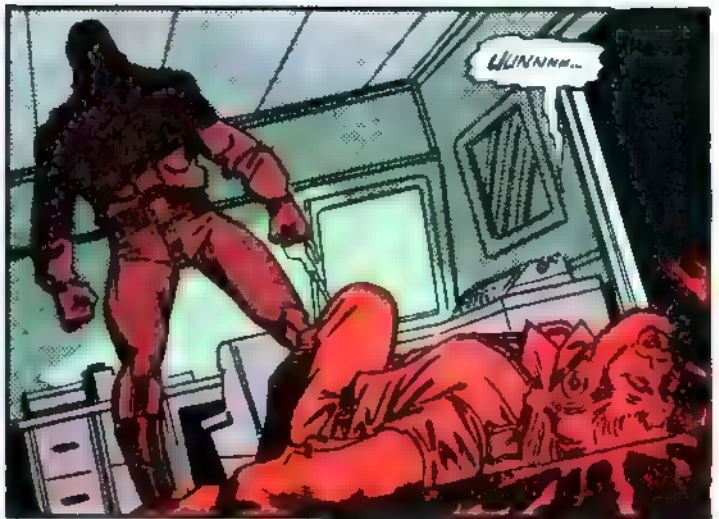








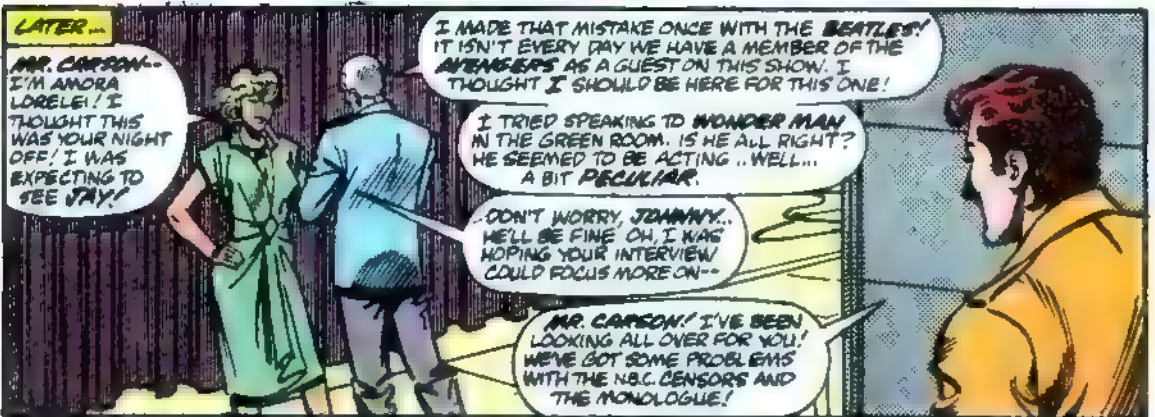
UNNGH!



UNNNNN...



FUNNY. I THOUGHT EVERYONE HAD ALREADY GONE. WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?



LATER...

MR. CARSON... I'M AMORA LORELEI! I THOUGHT THIS WAS YOUR NIGHT OFF! I WAS EXPECTING TO SEE JAY!

I MADE THAT MISTAKE ONCE WITH THE BEATLES! IT ISN'T EVERY DAY WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE AVENGERS AS A GUEST ON THIS SHOW. I THOUGHT I SHOULD BE HERE FOR THIS ONE!

I TRIED SPEAKING TO WONDER MAN IN THE GREEN ROOM. IS HE ALL RIGHT? HE SEEMED TO BE ACTING... WELL... A BIT PECULIAR.

DON'T WORRY, JOHNNY... HE'LL BE FINE OH, I WAS Hoping your interview could focus more on--

MR. CARSON! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! WE'VE GOT SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE N.B.C. CENSORS AND THE MONOLOGUE!



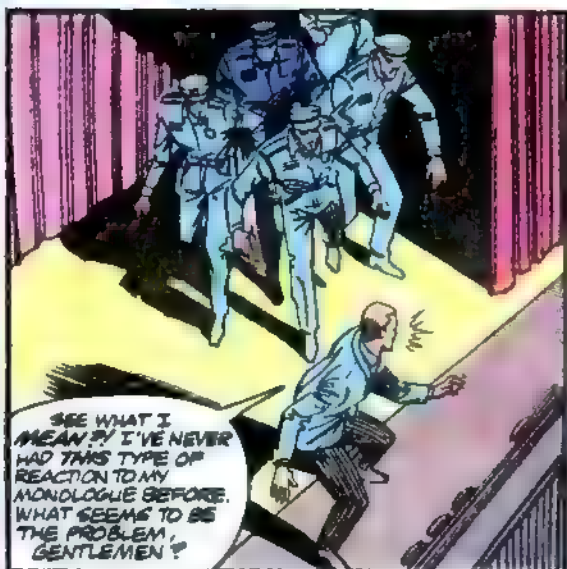
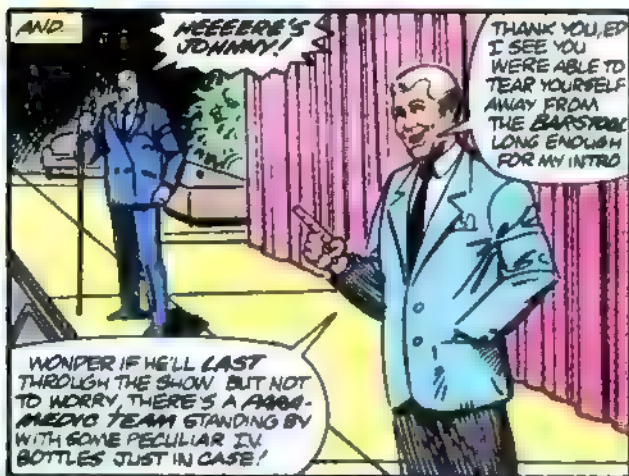
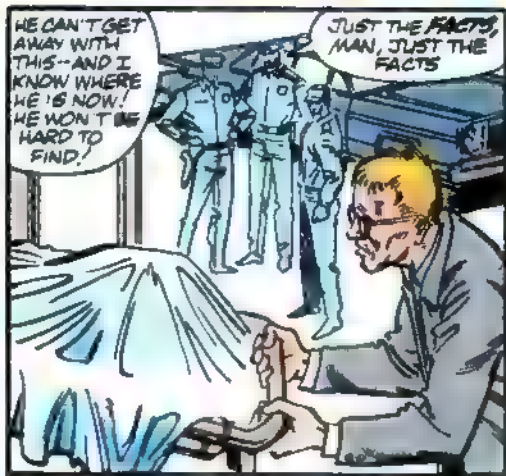
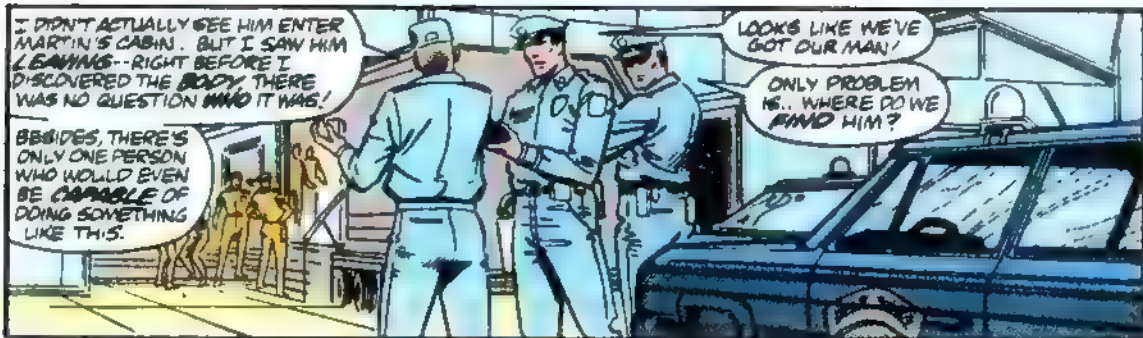
DUTY CALLS DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SHOW.

WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL SURPRISE LINED UP!



I... DON'T... LIKE... SURPRISES!

I WANT TO BE IN COMPLETE CONTROL AT ALL TIMES!





HERCULES

PRINCE OF POWER

MOTHER'S DAY

FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS THE WILAMEANIAN STAR PIRATES HAVE TERRORIZED SHIPPING LANES THROUGHOUT THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY

TODAY-- THANKS TO HERCULES AND HIS SON ARIMATHES--

--THEY'RE ABOUT TO GET A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE!

ALL IN THE FAMILY
PART 1

HO! THY PLAN HATH PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, SON! THESE DASTARDS HATH BEEN CAUGHT UNAWARES!

FORWARD, TROOPS! AND LET NONE ESCAPE!

IT'S THE EMPEROR!

B-BUT HOW?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR DEFENSE ALARMS?!

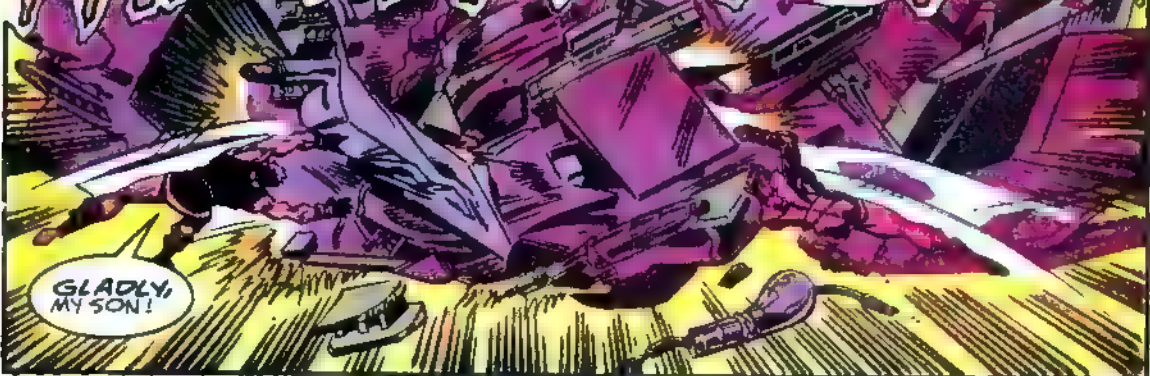


EXCUSE ME FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR REUNION, FATHER-- BUT THIS PIRATE CRAFT NEEDS SOME RE-ADJUSTING!



COULD YOU LEND A HAND?

THAKKA-BEESH!



GLADLY, MY SON!

NOW THAT WE HAVE INSURED THAT NONE WILL ESCAPE--BEGIN ROUNDING UP THE SURVIVORS!

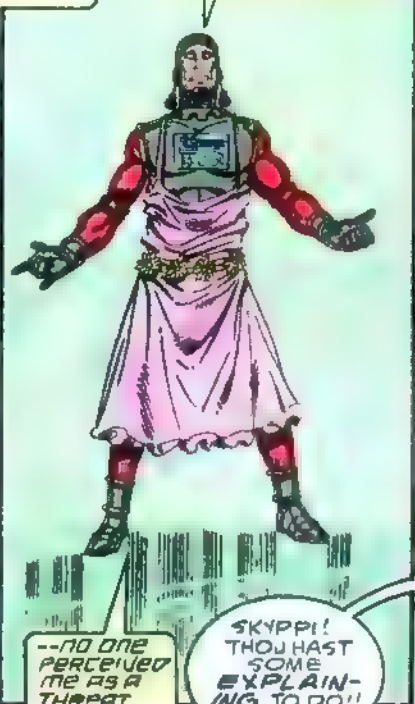
CONCLUSION: JUDGING BY ALL INDICATORS, I WOULD SAY THAT VICTORY HAS BEEN SECURED.

STATEMENT: THE PLAN THAT EMPEROR ARIMATHES DEvised WAS FLAWLESS! SKYPPI, IN HIS PIRATE GUISE, WAS ABLE TO BRING ME INTO THE STRONGHOLD AS CAPTURED SPOILS.

STATEMENT: ONCE INSIDE, ANALYZING THE SECURITY SYSTEM WAS SIMPLE, AND, THANKS TO THIS DISGUISE SKYPPI PROVIDED--



RECORDER... WHAT IN ZEUS'S NAME--?



--NO ONE PERCEIVED ME AS A THREAT

SKYPPI! THOU HAST SOME EXPLAINING TO DO!!

A SHORT TIME LATER,
AS THE PRISONERS
ARE BEING PREPARED
FOR TRANSPORT...

WHEN WE RETURN TO
PORT ANTERIS, I'LL
SEE TO IT THAT THESE
PIRATE SCUM SUFFER
PAINFULLY FOR
THEIR TRANS-
GRESSIONS!

WHAT DO THOU PROPOSE?
EAR-LOPPINGS?
FLAILINGS?
PERHAPS--PUBLIC
EXECUTIONS?



WHY DO I HAVE
THE FEELING
I'M GOING TO
RECEIVE ANOTHER
"NOBILITY"
LECTURE!



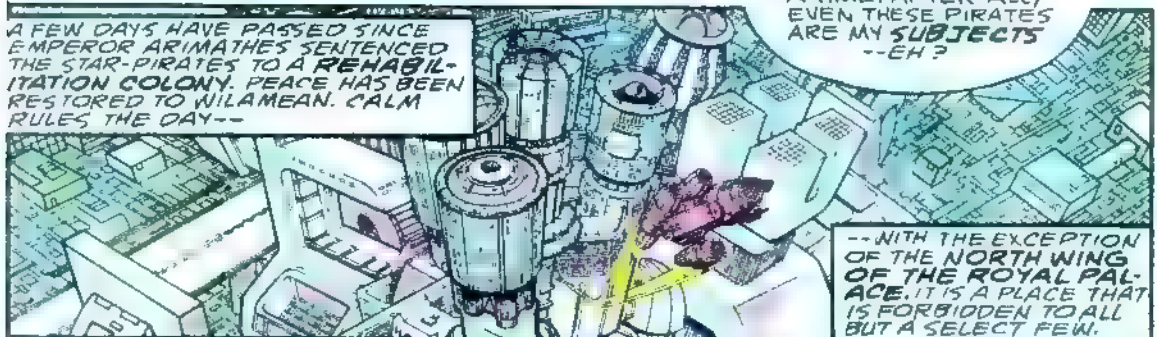
I MERELY SUGGEST
THAT IF THE PIRATES
LIVE TO TELL THE
TALE, TODAY'S VICTORY
MIGHT BETTER SERVE
AS A WARNING TO
OTHERS WHO MIGHT
TRY LIKE FOLLY

MERELY A SUG-
GESTION, "MY
EMPEROR."



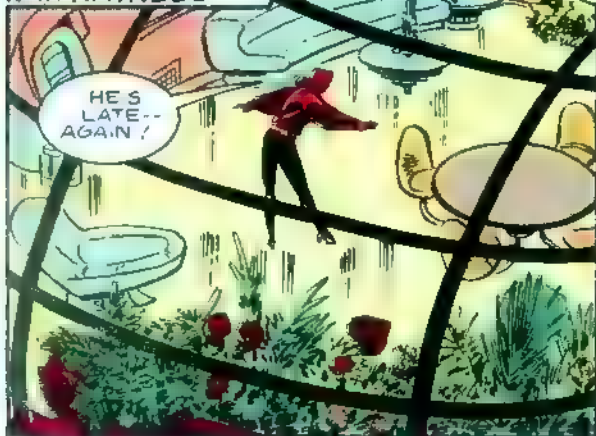
NOTED--"FAITHFUL
SUBJECT." I WILL TAKE
THE QUESTION OF JUST
PUNISHMENT UNDER
CONSIDERATION FOR
A TIME. AFTER ALL,
EVEN THESE PIRATES
ARE MY SUBJECTS
--EH?

A FEW DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE
EMPEROR ARIMATHES SENTENCED
THE STAR-PIRATES TO A REHABIL-
ITATION COLONY. PEACE HAS BEEN
RESTORED TO NILAMEAN. CALM
RULES THE DAY--



--WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF THE NORTH WING
OF THE ROYAL PAL-
ACE, IT IS A PLACE THAT
IS FORBIDDEN TO ALL
BUT A SELECT FEW.

IT IS THE HOME OF THE
EMPEROR'S EXILED
MOTHER, LAYANA, AND
FOR THE LAST TWELVE
MONTHS, IT HAS BEEN
A PLACE SEETHING
WITH HATRED!



HE'S
LATE--
AGAIN!

WHERE IS HE
--THE ROTTEN
LITTLE CHEAT?
HOW DARE
HE KEEP ME
WAITING!?

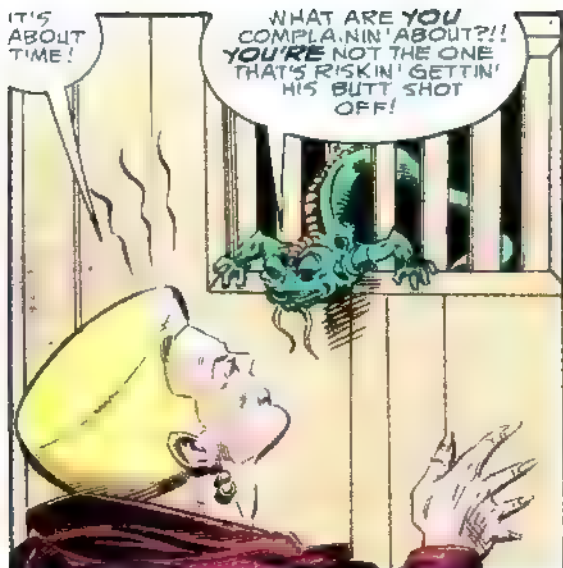


KEEP YOUR
GIRDLE ON,
MOM! I'M
COMIN'!



IT'S ABOUT TIME!

WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAININ' ABOUT?!! YOU'RE NOT THE ONE THAT'S RISKIN' GETTIN' HIS BUTT SHOT OFF!



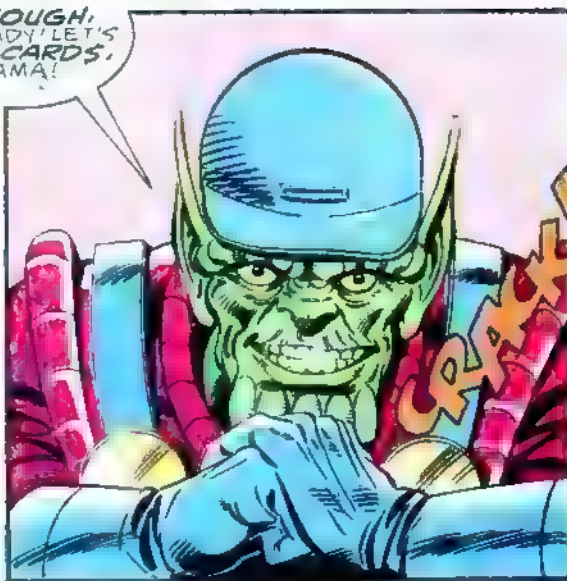
I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE, YA KNOW! IF HERC AND THE KID FIND OUT THAT WE'VE BEEN HANGIN' OUT TOGETHER, THEY...



THEY NEEDN'T KNOW ABOUT OUR LITTLE GAMES OF CHANCE OR HOW THEY'VE PROVEN SUCH GOOD DIVERSIONS FOR ME -- ANO PROFITABLE FOR YOU, SKRULL.

H-HOLY --!

ENOUGH, ALREADY! LET'S PLAY CARDS, MAMA!

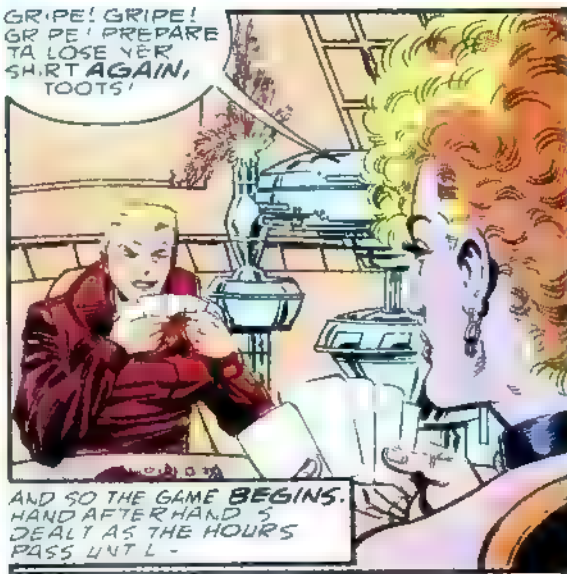


BUT FIRST LET ME SLIP INTO SOMETHIN' MORE COMFORTABLE-- IN CASE THE GUARDS SURPRISE US!



MY CHAMBER-MAID -- AGAIN?

GRIFE! GRIFE! GR PE! PREPARE TA LOSE YER SHIRT AGAIN, TOOTS!



AND SO THE GAME BEGINS. HAND AFTER HAND'S DEALT AS THE HOURS PASS UNTIL -



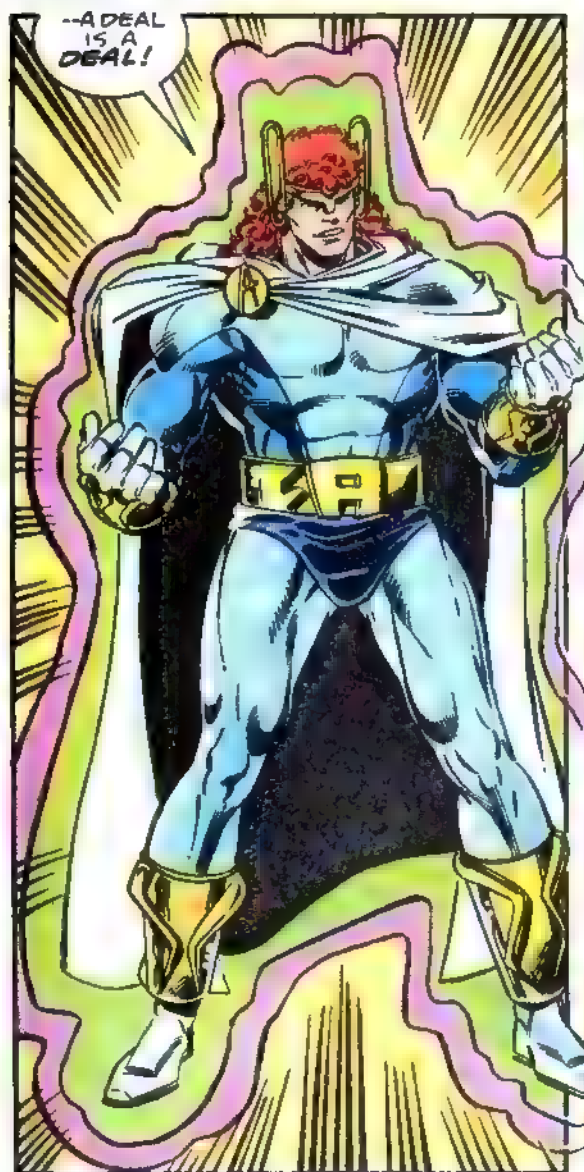
LOST! I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT!! I-I'M WIRED OUT!

I MUST BE SLIPPIN'.



I HAVE WON, SKRULL! NOW-- WILL YOU GRANT ME WHAT I REQUESTED? WILL YOU BECOME THE IMAGE OF MY SON-- TO WARM A MOTHER'S HEART?

YOU'RE STRANGE, LADY, BUT--



--A DEAL IS A DEAL!



I DON'T HAVE TA SING NO NURSERY RHYMES, DO I?

NO-- JUST STAND THERE LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO DO...



...THIS!

POOF!!

NOW, DON'T BE A SORE LOSER! I'VE GIVEN YOU A **NEURO-NEUTRALIZER** THAT FREEZES YOU IN THIS FORM!



AS WELL YOU KNOW, LONG AGO ALL **SKRULLS** LOST THEIR SHAPE-CHANGING ABILITIES TO SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY-- BUT THIS WILL ALSO MAKE YOU SUBJECT TO MY **WILL!**

FOR MONTHS I'VE BEEN **THROWING** THESE GAMES --WAITING FOR THE **PROPER MOMENT!**



MY TIME HAS COME TO **REGAIN CONTROL** OF THE **THRONE!**

WITH YOU BY MY SIDE, I MAY NOW PASS **FREELY** WITHIN THE **PALACE!**

NO ONE DARES STOP **"THE EMPEROR!"**

THOSE WORDS PROVE **PROPHETICALLY TRUE.**

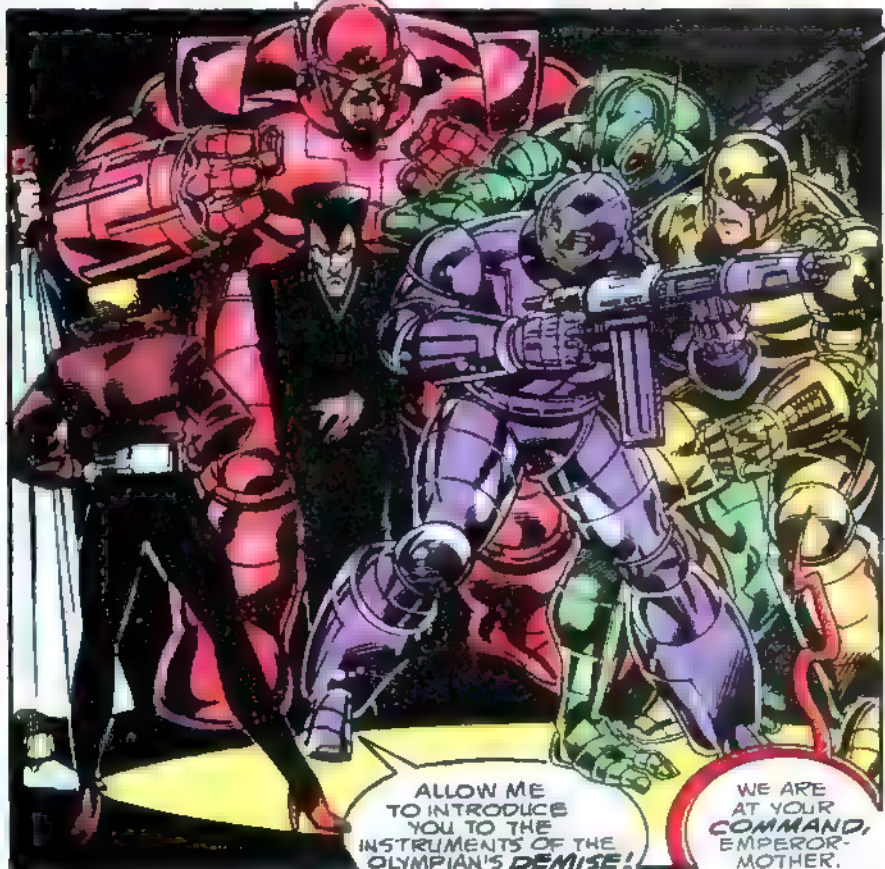


IT MUST BE HER **BIRTHDAY** OR SOME-**THIN'!?**



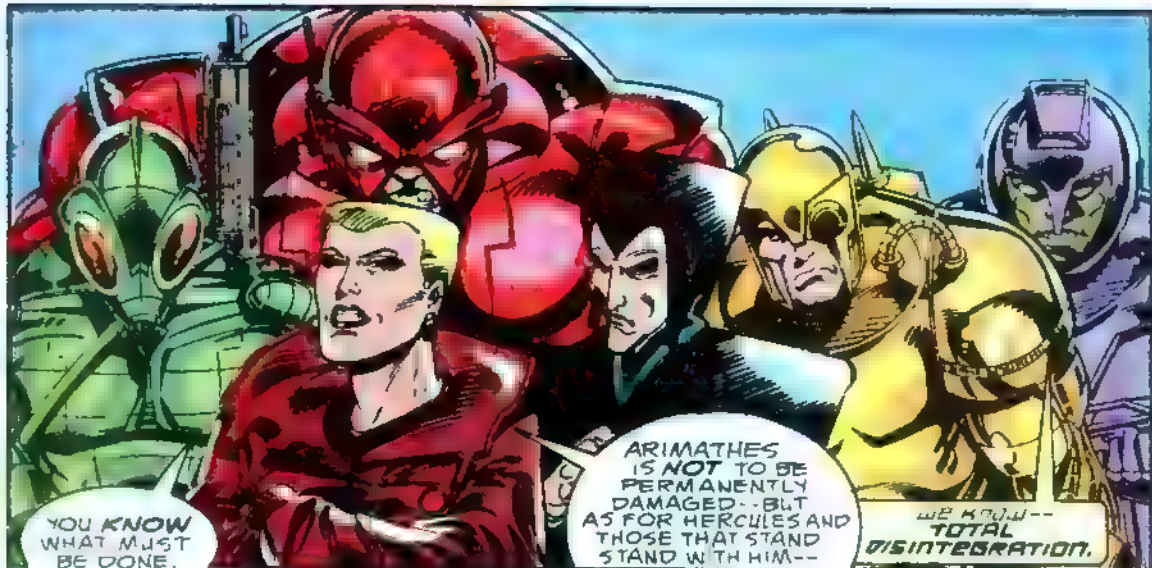
WE HAVE A **RENDEZVOUS** TO KEEP, **SKRULL!**

IN THE **SUB-LEVELS** BELOW, I HAVE GATHERED A SMALL **BAND OF "PATRIOTS"** WHO WILL HELP ME CARRY OUT MY **PLANS!**



ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE **INSTRUMENTS OF THE OLYMPIAN'S DEMISE!**

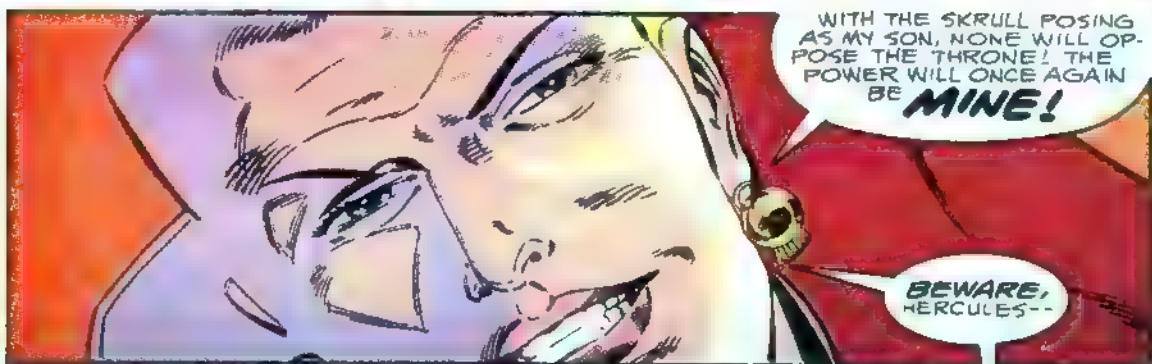
WE ARE AT YOUR **COMMAND, EMPEROR-MOTHER.**



YOU KNOW
WHAT MUST
BE DONE.

ARIMATHES
IS NOT TO BE
PERMANENTLY
DAMAGED--BUT
AS FOR HERCULES AND
THOSE THAT STAND
WITH HIM--

WE KNOW--
**TOTAL
DISINTEGRATION.**



WITH THE SKRULL POSING
AS MY SON, NONE WILL OP-
POSE THE THRONE! THE
POWER WILL ONCE AGAIN
BE **MINE!**

**BEWARE,
HERCULES--**



**...IT'S
MOTHER'S
DAY!**

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NEXT ISSUE...

**THE
HIT!**

AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN

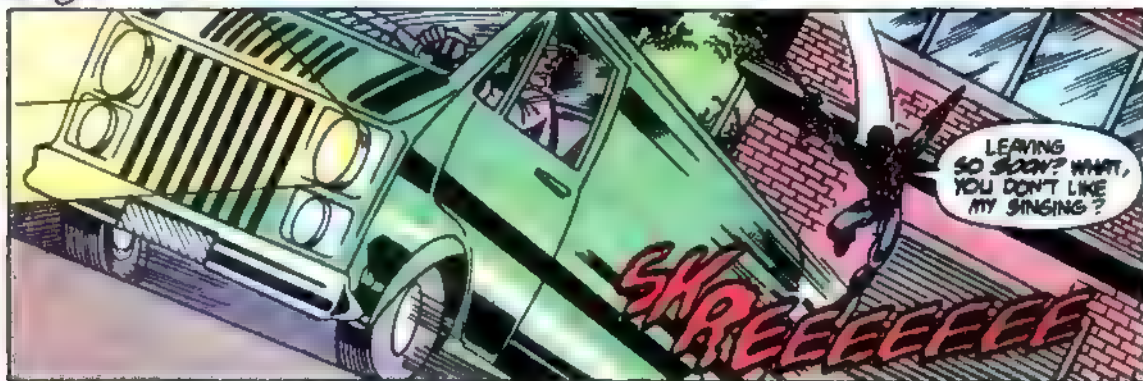
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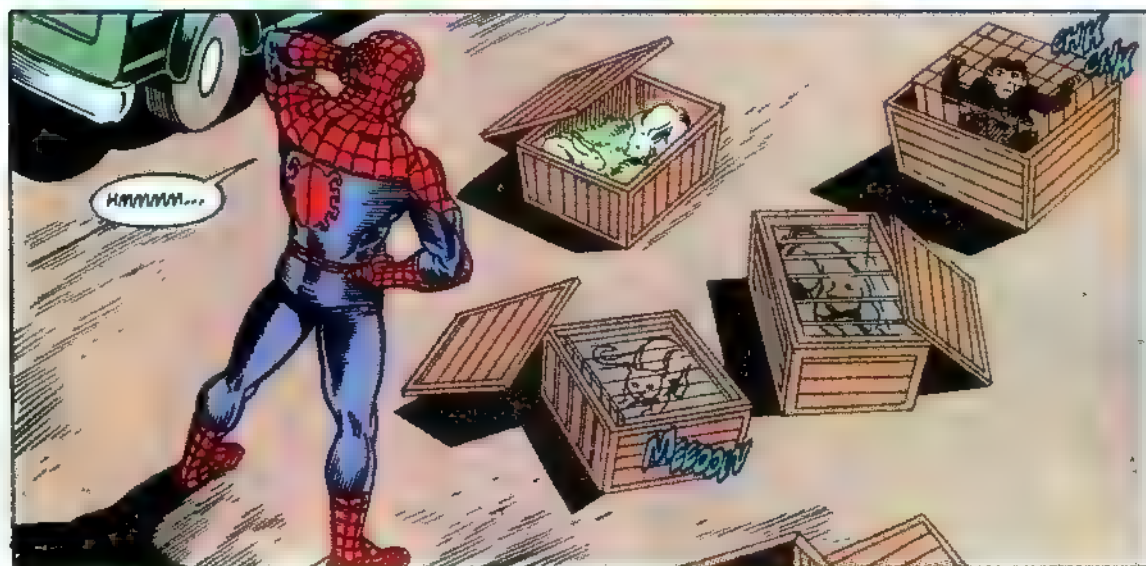
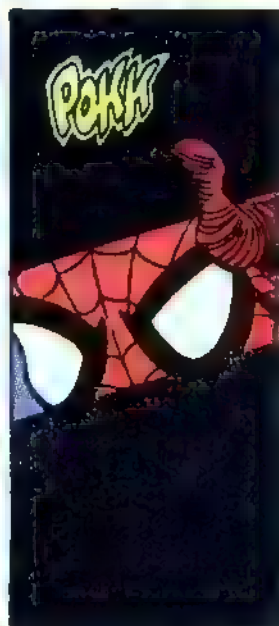
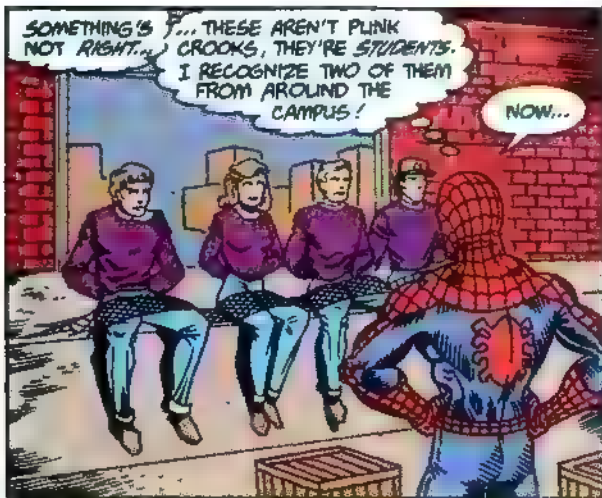
HOLD
IT RIGHT
THERE!

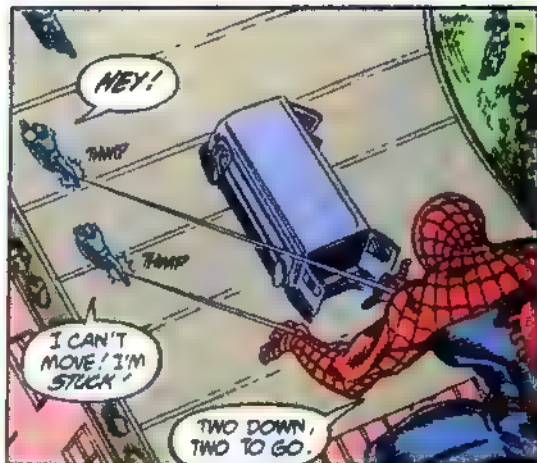
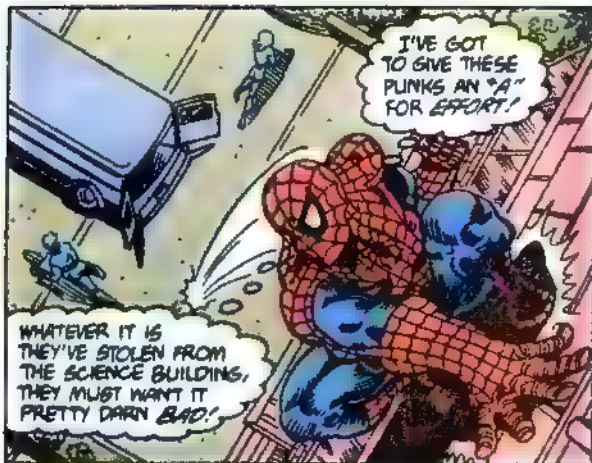
SPIDER-MAN
OH, NO!

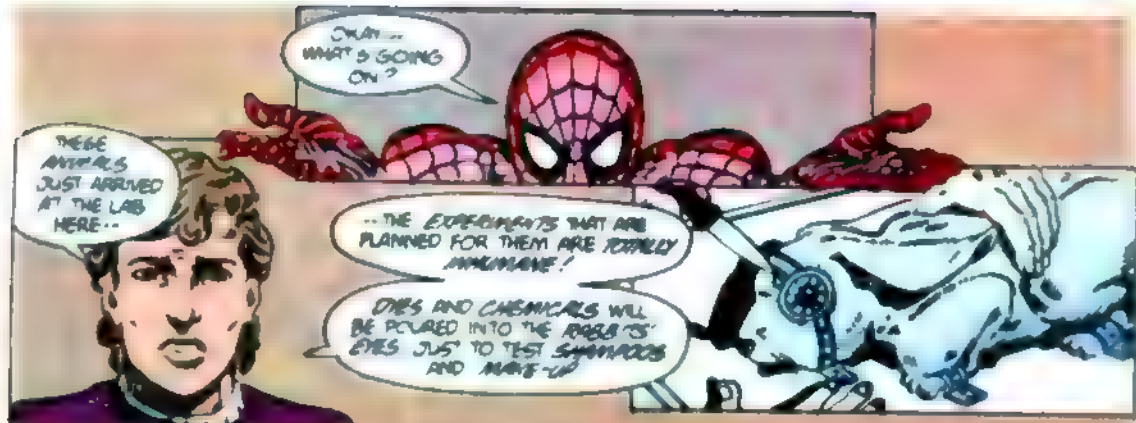
IT'S A GOOD THING I
LEFT MY NOTES IN THE LAB
TONIGHT, OR I WOULD'VE
MISSED THIS LITTLE
PARTY!

AND IT'S A GOOD THING I
WAS BITTEN BY THAT RADIO-
ACTIVE SPIDER YEARS AGO,
OR I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO
DO MUCH ABOUT IT!









THE POOR MONKEY WILL BE BLINDED, AND INJECTED WITH HALLUCINOGENIC DRUGS--

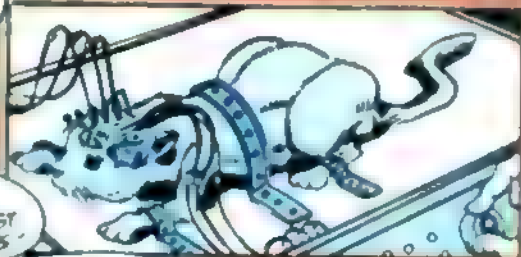
--OR HIS SKULL WILL BE REPEATEDLY BASHED TO TEST THE LIMITS OF HEAD TRAUMA.



THE CAT'S BRAIN WILL BE EXPOSED AND WIRED TO ELECTRODES, FOR NO GOOD REASON AT ALL

AND THESE EXPERIMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DONE COUNTLESS TIMES!

THEY WANT TO EXPOSE THE DOGS TO HIGH DOSES OF RADIATION TO TEST REPEATED CONDITIONS!



SOME WAY TO TREAT MAN'S BEST FRIEND!

THESE ANIMALS HAVE NO RIGHTS!

WITH MODERN COMPUTER MODELS, CELL TISSUE CULTURES, SIMULATORS AND SYNTHETICS--

THERE'S NO NEED TO USE ANIMALS FOR EXPERIMENTS!



"SURE THERE ARE MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK tirelessly TO STOP THESE ATROCITIES--

--BUT IT TAKES TIME TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE... TIME THESE ANIMALS DON'T HAVE!



"WE BROKE THE LAW BUT WE DID IT TO SAVE THESE ANIMALS LIVES!"

"MY BROTHER HAS A FARM IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY'LL ALL BE GIVEN A LOVING HOME! EVEN THE MONKEY IS WELCOME THERE!"





I SEE.



I MEAN, MONKEYS DIDN'T INVENT NUCLEAR WEAPONS. DOGS AND CATS DON'T POLLUTE THE ENVIRONMENT--

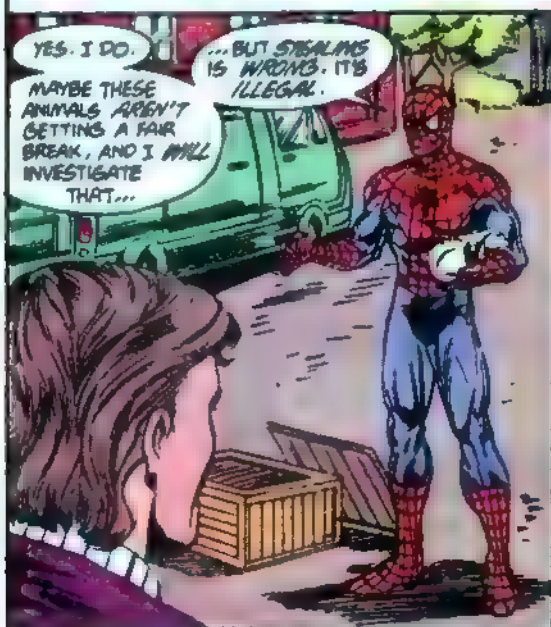


--AND IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT RABBITS WOULD RATHER MAKE LOVE THAN WAR...



LOOK, WE'RE DOING WHAT WE FEEL IS MORALLY RIGHT. WHY CAN'T YOU JUST GO AWAY?!

YOU'RE NOT A COP! YOU DON'T HAVE TO STOP US, DO YOU?



YES. I DO.

MAYBE THESE ANIMALS AREN'T GETTING A FAIR BREAK, AND I WILL INVESTIGATE THAT...

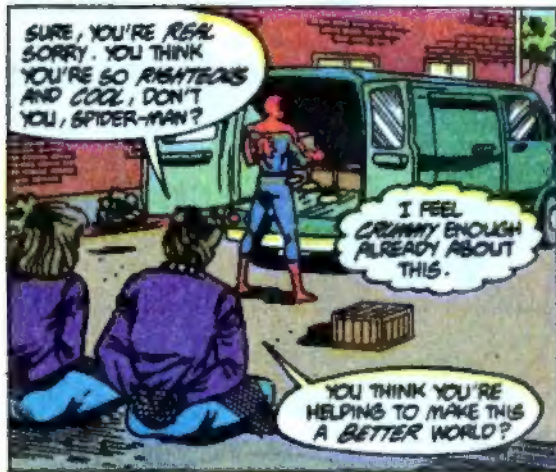
...BUT STEALING IS WRONG. IT'S ILLEGAL.



IF I LET YOU DO IT--WHEN I KNOW I COULD'VE STOPPED YOU-- THEN I'D BE ACTING AS A JUDGE...

...AND THAT'S SOMETHING I DON'T WANT TO BECOME.

I'M SORRY...





PETER: HI, TIGER, HOW WAS YOUR NIGHT? ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPEN?

I TANGLED WITH SOME STUDENT CROOKS AT THE UNIVERSITY. NO BIG THING.

BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MARY JANE, I LET 'EM... I, UH... THEY GOT THE BETTER OF ME, AND GOT AWAY CLEAN.



THE END!



MARVEL READERS

PRESENT

Dear Terry,

I just finished reading MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #31, and I have a few comments and suggestions:

1 The Excalibur story seems incredibly promising. The idea of putting cartoon characters up against mutants is fabulous! I hope the story stays this good.

2 Have Wolverine in more issues. If you put Wolverine in more issues, especially on the cover, more people will buy the book, and it will stay around for a longer amount of time. Make him a regular, he deserves it.

3 I like the idea of having introductions to series, like what you did with DAMAGE CONTROL, NTH MAN, and QUASAR. Keep that up.

4. Eight pages is really not enough to make a story complete. I really like the idea of putting the Black Panther in double-sized 16-page stories to finish off the "Panther's Quest" story.

Well, that's about it. I hope you will consider some of my suggestions. I'm looking forward to the next issue!

D.J. Fye
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You only want us to consider *some* of your suggestions, D.J.? Boy, we hope all our readers (not just the ones from Normal, Illinois) are as understanding as you are. Tell you what, we'll consider *all* of your suggestions, and we guarantee that at least half of them will be done!

Dear Presenters,

Issue #31 had two mutant features this month, and I didn't mind it one bit. The quality of the book is such that I enjoyed the conclusion of the Havok story, but found it the weakest of the four stories this issue.

The "high-tech" storytelling of Coldblood was a nice balance to the "low-tech" story ongoing in the Black Panther feature. You really took a gamble running a 25 part feature in the pages of this book, but it looks like the gamble paid off. I sincerely hope that another major, long-term storyline is planned for this title as soon as the "Panther's Quest" novel concludes.

The real highlight of this issue had to be the Excalibur feature premiering the Loonies. Even though I'm not the biggest fan of Erik Larson's pencils, I found them enjoyable inked by Terry Austin. Michael Higgins has created the perfect light-hearted team to go up against Excalibur-- sort of like Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Yosemite Sam, and others in drag. I dam near died laughing when the Loonies rounded up the defeated Excaliburites and placed them in Carrot Confinement Containers.

It looks as if the next seven issues of this title will not only offer exciting, stimulating stories, but much needed comic relief. As long as you guys keep on presenting, I will continue reading - and writing!

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And as long as you keep writing letters like this, Charles, we'll keep printing 'em. Thanks!

Dear Marvel,

Here is my review of MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #31:

Havok: Great story, great art, great character, great guest star, great villains. The creative team deserves a lot of applause for this one. But it was a shame Havok struck out with Leila. I liked her.

Black Panther: The plot and art are extremely well-done, but I feel that the story is too slowly paced. I think that the story would be much more enjoyable and exciting if things were happening faster.

Coldblood: I'm enjoying Coldblood very much. Seeing how he's in Las Vegas, are there any plans to have him guest star in THE INCREDIBLE HULK?

Excalibur: Looks dumb. By the looks of it, the Joker will be in it, and I hate it when D.C. characters are in Marvel books. Plus, having the whole team in the book is dumb. If you'd put just one of the members in the book it would be different, but as it is, Excalibur have their own book already!

I'd like to see the following get their own continuing stories (I hate one-shots): Longshot, Dazzler, Captain Britain, Kitty Pryde, Iceman, Angel, Vindicator, Shaman, Puma, Human Torch, USAgent, and Spider Woman II. See what you can do.

Josh Hines
Langley, BC

We'll definitely fit some of your suggestions in as time passes, Josh. And don't you feel foolish now-- Arcade is the villain that Excalibur's been facing all along, not some guy from Washington D.C. Boy, you really don't know your villains, do you? But what's the big deal about villains from there anyway? You got something against politicians?!

Terry and crew,

Fantastic! I was planning on waiting until the end of the current Black Panther story to write but I couldn't. "Panther's Quest" has been far and away one of the best stories I've read in years. The writing has been very even, and Don McGregor is to be congratulated for not issuing soap box speeches to his characters. Gene Colan's darkly realistic artwork is perfect for the series. Very, very impressive work, gentlemen.

However, before I sign this letter I must comment on the rest of MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS. I am genuinely excited to see Paul Gulacy's art again. His work is as detailed and complete as any in the field of comics today. The mutant stories have been predictable, dull, and have detracted from the rest of the book. The Excalibur story has been the only mildly entertaining mutant tale to date. But mutants sell books, don't they? I suppose this is true regardless of the quality of the stories.

My main request in regards to MCP is that the fourth, and open, slot in the book be reserved occasionally for some lesser known heroes. Perhaps an occasional western tale or even a horror story could be printed. Marvel does have a large reserve of both western and horror characters lingering around from previous decades.

In any event, I appreciate that you are publishing a showcase book. I wish you much

success, creative success first and foremost.

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Sorry you don't like our mutant stories, B.C., but it seems that right now you're in the minority. We're glad you like the other stuff, though. As for the fourth features, we are planning on including lesser known heroes as well as horror and western characters so keep an eye on that slot. We promise you won't be disappointed.

Dear Howard,

About your Havok tale "Pharaoh's Legacy." What a rotten trick to play on poor Alex! He goes through incredible amounts of trouble and pain for Leila O'Toole who turns out to be just another evil, manipulative, power-hungry witch who deserved his fist in her face!

Or is she? Leila admitted being repelled after seeing the Pharaoh's cult ritual human sacrifices. So perhaps there still is a decent person buried under Plasma's psyche and not a White Queen clone. Maybe she was brainwashed by the cult's high priest? It would explain her irrational behavior when Alex refused to give her more power.

I hope the above is the case and that Ms. O'Toole can be deprogrammed. Alex deserves a worthy girlfriend, and I would love for Leila O'Toole/Plasma to be that person.

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Dear Marvel,

I usually don't read MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS, but since you've started the Excalibur series, I thought it was about time to start, and it was worth it. Issue #31 was great. I loved the Loonies. On the subject of the Loonies, they wouldn't happen to be working for Madcap, would they? If so, where would he be able to get that kind of technology?

But I'm not just here to commend you on your excellent work. I've also brought along some ideas for a couple of stories. Now I don't usually beg, but this is worth it. Please please please do a story with the Starjammers. We haven't seen them in so long, and it doesn't look like they're going to end up in any of the X-Titles soon. This is all I ask, a story with the Starjammers and I would be happy. And if you did a story with the Inhumans too I would kiss the ground you walk on.

Well, this letter has gone far enough. I'll just leave you with this thought, *please do this, you won't regret it!*

Matt Baum
Omaha, NE

Matt, we have some news for you. You better get on your knees and get those lips ready because you're gonna see both of them in the very near future. Our very own Terry Kavanagh has teamed up with Dave Cockrum for an epic Starjammers tale scheduled to start very soon right here in these pages. An Inhumans story will follow not too far after that. Boy, who says we don't aim to please here at the MCP office? See you in two...



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